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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the Utility patent application of:

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FOR:	STORAGE SYSTEM, A METHOD OF FILE DATA BACKUP AND A METHOD OF COPYING OF FILE DATA

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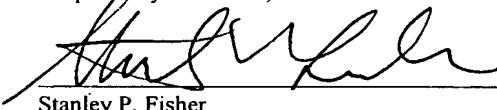
Enclosed are:

- 10 sheets of  formal  informal drawings.
- Transmittal of certified copy of Japanese application 2001-156724 to claim priority date of May 25, 2001.
- An Information Disclosure Statement with prior art reference.
- An assignment of the invention to \_\_\_\_\_.
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